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**Claim Status**

1.-11. Cancelled

12. (Previously Presented) A method of spreading water in an evaporative cooler, comprising:

- a) feeding a water stream to a water spreader arrangement,
- b) dividing said water stream into a pair of partial streams by flowing said water stream over a first substantially vertical projection at a first level to divide the stream into partial streams having a predetermined ratio of flow rates as the stream impinges on the first projection; and,
- c) dividing each of the two partial streams into two further streams by flowing each partial stream over an associated one of a pair of further projections at a second level below the first.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 further including the step of dividing the further streams into still further streams by flowing each of the further streams over an associated one of a plurality of still further projections at a level below the second level.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 where the still further streams have a predetermined ratio of flow rates.

15. (Previously Presented) Performing the method of claim 12 wherein the water spreader arrangement is for an evaporative cooler and wherein said arrangement has a water entry point upstream of the first vertical projection, the first level is a substantially horizontal surface, the further projections are substantially vertical, and the second level is a substantially horizontal surface.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the arrangement has at least one set of still further projections downstream from the further projections and

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wherein each still further projection is positioned to divide each further stream into two still further partial steams, each having a predetermined ration of flow rates therebetween.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein there are a plurality of arrangements and the method is concurrently practiced with each arrangement.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 wherein there are a plurality of arrangements and the method is concurrently practiced with each arrangement.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 wherein there are a plurality of arrangements and the method is concurrently practiced with each arrangement.